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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT -- IAEA
ASSESSMENT OF SEISMIC FACTORS

REFERENCE: STATE 191275

1. DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 3, THE IAEA CONVENED IN VIENNA A SECOND MEETING OF EXPERTS TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOP RE REPORTED SEISMIC ASPECTS OF SITE FOR THE PHILIPPINE FIRST NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR BEING SUPPLIED FROM THE U.S. BY WESTINGHOUSE. PAUL RIZZO PARTICIPATED FROM THE U.S.
2. VERY LITTLE INFORMATION HAS BECOME AVAILABLE RE OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING, BUT WE HAVE PIECED TOGETHER ENOUGH INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE AGENCY SOURCES THAT SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE INDEED POTENTIAL SEISMIC (VOLCANIC) PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLANT SITE WHICH APPARENTLY WILL REQUIRE FURTHER CORRECTIVE
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STEPS TO RESOLVE. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY ONLY THREE COPIES OF THE REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP IN THE AGENCY SECRETARIAT WHICH ARE BEING TIGHTLY HELD AND WHICH WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT SEEN.

3. WE UNDERSTAND EBASCO SERVICES, INC. SENT ABOUT 13 EXPERTS TO ATTEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE MEETING

ALONG WITH ABOUT 5 PEOPLE FROM WESTINGHOUSE.
(PHILIPPINE EMBASSY REPORTEDLY HAD TO ARRANGE FOR A
ROOM AT THE VIENNA HILTON TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGE
CROWD, SINCE THE LARGER AGENCY MEETING ROOMS WERE
OTHERWISE OCCUPIED.) EBASCO APPARANTLY HAD DEVELOPED
CONSIDERABLE DATA CONCERNING THE SEISMIC AND VOLCANIC
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PLANT SITE. AFTER EXTENSIVE
MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EBASCO AND
WESTINGHOUSE PEOPLE FOR A FEW DAYS, THE AGENCY
EXPERTS THEN WITHDREW FOR THEIR OWN PRIVATE MEETINGS
AND PREPARATION OF THE REPORT.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THE REPORT ESSENTIALLY RECOMMENDS
THAT THE GOP GIVE WESTINGHOUSE AND OTHERS DIRECTLY
INVOLVED 90 DAYS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL DATA
AND TO MAKE CERTAIN DESIGN CHANGES IN THE PLANT,
AFTER WHICH THE SITUATION WOULD BE REVIEWED AGAIN.
THE ESTIMATED PRICE TAG FOR THESE ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENTS REPORTEDLY RANGES FROM \$10 TO \$40
MILLION.

5. SINCE WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO VERIFY THE FOREGOING
DETAILS, WE URGE THAT CONSIDERABLE DISCRETION BE
USED IN HANDLING THIS INFORMATION, PENDING RECEIPT OF
THE REPORT REQUESTED REFTEL. MISSION WOULD ALSO BE
INTERESTED IN RECEIVING COPY OF REPORT WHEN IT
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